

Customer No.: 31561
Application No.: 10/064,880
Docket No.: 8819-US-PA

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

The Office Action rejected all presently-pending claims 7-17 and 21-31. The Office Action rejected claims 7-17 and 21-31 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Reconsideration and allowance of those claims is respectfully requested.

Discussion of Office Action Rejections

Response to Claims Rejections under 35 USC § 112

Claims 7-17 and 21-31 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

In response thereto, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner of pointing out the informalities of claims 7 and 21.

The description "by using the apparatus of claim 1" in claim 7 and the description "by using the apparatus of claim 18" in claim 21 are eliminated.

In addition, the description "the long crucible" in line 3 of claim 7 and 21 are amended to read "a long crucible."

It is believed that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the present application. Applicants believe that these amendments place the claims in condition for allowance.

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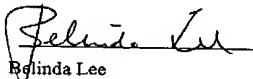
CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all pending claims 7-17 and 21-31 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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